## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

GUNJI et al.

Application No.: 10/716,470

Filing Date: November 20, 2003

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-LYSINE

OR L-ARGININE BY USING METHANOL-ASSIMILATING

BACTERIUM

Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: Delia M. Ramirez

Attorney Ref. No.: US-103

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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

## Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2006, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply, three month(s) to March 26, 2007.

The period for response has previously been extended to

Please charge the credit card identified in EFS-Web processing or our deposit account 50-2821 the requisite fees for this petition. Also, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, necessary to maintain pendancy of this application to the same deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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